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Comments: Since working for the US Forest Service in the 1970s I have watched old growth forest decline significantly. As you know, old growth forests support all sorts of flora and fauna (probably lots more than we even realize) and provide important carbon absorbing-oxygen production.

The argument that we need more lumber and paper making material is ridiculous. Americans waste some much wood, build houses that are too big, and throw away materials with no respect to the environment. We need an entirely new attitude toward our natural resource, ie the Gifts of Nature. Please protect our last remaining old growth forests for the sake of all beings now and in the future.